

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael Graham, of Kansas, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2025.

Katherine Andrea Lemos, of California, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

Anthony F. Godfrey, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia.

Mary Beth Leonard, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Herro Mustafa, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria.

Leslie Meredith Tsou, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman.

Matthew Keenan, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2020.

Daniel Z. Epstein, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

John Fitzgerald Kness, of Illinois, to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

W. Stephen Muldrow, of Puerto Rico, to be United States Attorney for the District of Puerto Rico for the term of four years.

Halil Suleyman Ozerden, of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

Eleni Maria Roumel, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Justin Reed Walker, of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky. **Page S4473**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Robert C. Tapella, of Virginia, to be Director of the Government Publishing Office, which was sent to the Senate on January 16, 2019. **Page S4473**

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Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S4456–58**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S4453–54**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S4462–69**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—181) **Pages S4201–02**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 7:10 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 25, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4469.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 3429–3454; 1 private bill, H.R. 3455; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 457–459 were introduced. **Pages H5074–76**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5076–78**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Resolution recommending that the House of Representatives find William P. Barr, Attorney General of the United States, and Wilbur L. Ross, Jr., Secretary of Commerce, in Contempt of Congress for Refusal to Comply with Subpoenas Duly Issued by the Committee on Oversight and Reform (H. Rept. 116–125); and

H. Res. 460, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2722) to protect elections for public office by providing financial support and enhanced security for the infrastructure used to carry out such elections, and for other purposes; waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3351) making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–126). **Page H5074**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative DeSaulnier to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5041**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:20 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H5043**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:07 p.m. and reconvened at 3 p.m. **Page H5044**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Boosting Rates of American Veteran Employment Act: H.R. 2109, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in awarding a contract for the procurement of goods or services, to give a preference to offerors that employ veterans; and **Pages H5045–46**

Amending title 38, United States Code, to reduce the credit hour requirement for the Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship program of the Department of Veterans Affairs: H.R. 2196, to amend title 38, United States Code, to reduce the credit hour requirement for the Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship program of the Department of Veterans Affairs. **Pages H5046–47**

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2020: The House considered of H.R. 3055, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, June 25th. **Pages H5047–68, H5069–71**

Agreed to:

Price en bloc amendment No. 7 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119: DeSaulnier (No. 230) that increases and decreases funding for the Research and Technology account at the Department of Transportation by \$2 million to support a study on the impacts climate change has already had and will continue to have on all modes of transportation; Norton (No. 236) that increases and decreases by \$1 the FAA Operations budget with the intent to urge the FAA to prioritize efforts to combat airplane and helicopter noise; Waters (No. 238) that transfers \$5 million from the Department of Housing and Urban Development administrative and support offices account to the Homeless Assistance Grants program for technical assistance to improve system responses to youth homelessness and improve data collection on youth homelessness; Jackson Lee (No. 242) that increases and decreases the National Infrastructure Investments account by \$10,000,000 to support urban bicycle and pedestrian safety programs; Langevin (No. 245) that provides \$800,000 for the Access Board to study in-cabin wheelchair restraint systems as described in the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018; Foster (No. 250) that adds and removes \$1 from capital investments in surface transportation infra-

structure to highlight the disparity between State apportionments; Keating (No. 252) that increases and decreases by \$5,000,000 funding to support the design of projects to replace federally owned bridge infrastructure that is designated as an evacuation route; Sewell (AL) (No. 254) that adds and removes \$1 from the Office of the Secretary of Transportation to instruct the Department to prioritize funding and resources for the modernization and expansion of non-emergency medical transportation programs; the Secretary should submit to Congress an analysis on how the Department can better address transportation barriers, which is a critical social determinant of health; Bera (No. 256) that increases funding for DoT Low or No Emission Vehicle Program by \$2 million offset by a cut to the Office of the Secretary; Adams (No. 260) that transfers \$2 million from the Department of Transportation, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology, to the Federal Aviation Administration's Facilities and Equipment account (Terminal Programs) for the purpose increasing availability of funds for replacing Terminal Air Traffic Control Facilities; Adams (No. 261) that increases funding for senior housing by \$1 million through the Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly program; Adams (No. 262) that increases funding by \$2 million for the tenant-based rental assistance program; Sean Patrick Maloney (NY) (No. 264) that decreases and then increases funding for Transportation Planning, Research, and Development by \$1 million for the purposes of encouraging the Department of Transportation to research implementing connected vehicle and autonomous vehicle technologies at Highway-Rail Grade Crossings; Plaskett (No. 266) that provides for inclusion of the insular territories of the United States within the meaning of the term "areas of persistent poverty"; Jayapal (No. 269) that removes and replaces \$2 million from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund to support the Airport Noise And Environmental Streamlining subtitle of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018; Jayapal (No. 270) that transfers \$1 million from the Office of the Secretary of Transportation to the Office of the Inspector General to support the FAA safety certification process audit; Blunt Rochester (No. 271) that increases and decreases by \$1,000,000 to the Homeless Grants Account under Housing and Urban Development title which funds HUD's continuum of care for the purpose of expressing concern over consideration of transitional family housing grants under competitive grant assessments, especially regarding populations with special needs such as survivors of violence and those with substance use disorders; HUD should

submit a study on the impact of awarding transitional family housing grants via competitive assessments and the effectiveness of these programs versus alternative programs in achieving long-term housing stability; Carbajal (No. 272) that increases and decreases the DoT office of Research and Technology account by \$500,000 for the Secretary of Transportation and the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to conduct a study on effective ways to measure the resilience of transportation systems and services to withstand natural disasters, natural hazards, and other potential disruptions; Levin (CA) (No. 275) that increases and decreases by \$1,500,000 to support funding to study alternative methods for calculating Fair Market Rents in rental markets with rapidly rising rents; Omar (No. 276) that increases funding for the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Manufactured Housing Program by \$500,000, in order to protect the quality, safety and affordability of manufactured homes and to make homeownership more accessible; Schrier (No. 277) that increases and decreases funding to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration by \$1,000,000 to support state efforts aimed at reducing distracted driving, properly securing vehicle loads, and other highways safety programs; Escobar (No. 278) that increases and decreases funding for the Small Community Air Service Development Program by \$5 million to help small airports compete for air service; Escobar (No. 279) that increases and decreases funding for Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) planning grants by \$5 million to be allocated to low-income communities; Porter (No. 280) that increases funding within the Highway Infrastructure Program for the construction of electric vehicle charging and hydrogen fueling stations by \$10,000,000; Phillips (No. 281) that increases and decreases funding supporting capital investment grants by \$1,000,000; these funds are used to invest in critical transit projects; Malinowski (No. 283) that codifies Congress's intent that the Department of Transportation follow the law when determining a projects eligibility for Capital Investment Grants; Malinowski (No. 285) that increases and decreases funding for the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) by \$1,000,000 to enhance PHMSA's Community Liaison Services' ability to respond to pipeline-related inquiries from community members; Malinowski (No. 286) that increases funding for the Department of Transportation's Office of the Inspector General by \$1,000,000; decreases funding for the Office of the Secretary by \$1,000,000; Craig (No. 287) that strikes and restore funding to address the concerns of communities affected by aircraft noise to urge the

FAA to respond fully and completely to the requirements in the FAA Reauthorization Act pertaining to noise reduction; and Finkenauer (No. 290) that increases funding for the National Surface Transportation and Innovative Finance Bureau (Build America Bureau) to ensure rural communities can get technical assistance when seeking federal transportation infrastructure financing opportunities;

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Price en bloc amendment No. 8 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119: Meadows (No. 239) that increases and decreases funding for the Department of Transportation to study economic authority certification to facilitate the operation of U.S.-based unmanned aircraft manufacturers and operators who receive venture capital and who carry cargo within U.S. airspace; Doggett (No. 240) that increases funding for aviation safety activities at FAA by \$7.5 million in order to ensure the implementation of second-class medical certificates for commercial balloon operators; it offsets this increase by reducing finance and management activities at the FAA by \$7.5 million; Jackson Lee (No. 243) that increases and decreases by \$2,000,000 funds for the Office of Inspector General account to investigate the Department's delay in releasing over \$5 billion in Hurricane Harvey Disaster Community Block Grant funds; Graves (LA) (No. 246) that prohibits funding from being used to issue rules or guidance in contravention of Sec. 1210 of the FAA Reauthorization Act or Sec. 312 of the Stafford Act with regards to duplication of benefits; Lipinski (No. 247) that removes and adds \$1,000,000 from the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement (CRISI) program for the purpose of instructing the Federal Railroad Administration to include preventive maintenance as an eligible capital expense for grants awarded to projects deploying Positive Train Control (PTC); Bost (No. 249) that prohibits the use of funds in contravention of Executive Order 13858 "Strengthening Buy-American Preferences for Infrastructure Projects" issued on January 31, 2019; Burchett (No. 255) that transfers \$12,000,000 from the Department of Transportation's Office of the Secretary to the Highway Trust Fund; Spano (No. 257) that increases funding for the commercial space transportation activities account by \$8 million to the fiscal year 2019 authorized level; reduces funding by \$8 million for the finance and management activities account; Takano (No. 259) that prohibits the National Railroad Passenger Corporation from using funding under this Act in contravention of the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) Act; Kuster (NH) (No. 263) that increases

funding for the HUD—Veterans Affairs and Supportive Housing program, which provides rental assistance and wrap around support services to help homeless veterans transition into permanent housing, by \$2,000,000; Rice (NY) (No. 265) that increases and decreases funding to the Airport and Airway Trust Fund by \$1 million in order to support the research and development of aircraft technologies that reduce aviation noise; and García (No. 274) that increases and decreases funding for technical assistance and training for front line bus and rail transit workers by \$1 million; **Pages H5052–53**

Heck amendment (No. 241 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that provides additional funding for the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program; **Pages H5058–59**

Bost amendment (No. 248 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that seeks to ensure that United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) continue to work with the HUD Office of Inspector General (OIG) to incorporate findings and recommendations of certain OIG investigations related to the Alexander County Public Housing Authority; **Page H5060**

Vargas amendment (No. 258 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that prohibits any funds from being used to bar or limit DACA recipients from receiving mortgage loans backed by FHA, solely on the basis of their status as DACA recipients; **Pages H5061–62**

Krishnamoorthi amendment (No. 267 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that forbids funds from being used in violation of section 2635.702 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations; **Page H5064**

Wexton amendment (No. 273 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that removes and adds \$7,000,000 for the purpose of instructing the Federal Aviation Administration to continue the Remote Tower Pilot Program; **Page H5065**

García amendment (No. 282 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that increases the existing set aside of \$15M for planning, preparation, or design of transit, transit-oriented development, and multimodal projects funds to \$20 million; **Pages H5065–66**

Malinowski amendment (No. 284 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that increases funding for the Low or No Emission Grant Program by \$6 million to promote state emission responsibility; reduces funding for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Grants by \$6 million; **Pages H5066–67**

Pressley amendment (No. 288 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that provides a \$5 million increase to the Family Self Sufficiency Program and reduces funds from the Office of the Secretary at HUD; **Page H5067**

Pressley amendment (No. 289 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that increases and decreases by \$1,000,000 funding for the National Infrastructure Investments (BUILD grants); and **Pages H5067–68**

DeFazio amendment (No. 233 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that prohibits authorizing the transportation of liquefied natural gas by rail tank car and prohibits the Secretary of Transportation from using funds to authorize transportation of liquefied natural gas by rail tank car by issuance of a special permit or approval (by a recorded vote of 221 ayes to 195 noes, Roll No. 399). **Pages H5053–55, H5069**

Rejected:

Woodall amendment (No. 229 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that sought to strike section 193; **Pages H5047–49**

Duncan amendment (No. 234 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that sought to strike section 236 which prohibits funds from being used to implement, administer, or enforce the HUD “Equal Access in Accordance With an Individuals Gender Identity in Community Planning and Development Programs” rule (by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 400); **Pages H5055–56, H5069–70**

Duncan amendment (No. 235 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that sought to strike section 237 which prohibits the HUD notice “Appropriate Placement for Transgender Persons in Single-Sex Emergency Shelters and Other Facilities” from having the force and effect of law (by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 401); and **Pages H5056–57, H5070–71**

Grothman amendment (No. 244 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that sought to reduce funds made available to division E by 4.6 percent (by a recorded vote of 145 ayes to 273 noes, Roll No. 402). **Pages H5059–60, H5071**

Proceedings Postponed:

Banks amendment (No. 251 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that seeks to reduce amounts made available in Division E, other than amounts made available to the Department of Defense, by 14 percent; and **Pages H5060–61**

Jayapal amendment (No. 268 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that seeks to reallocate \$1,000,000 to fund transitional housing and homelessness services. **Pages H5064–65**

H. Res. 445, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3055) and relating to consideration of the bill (H.R. 2740) was agreed to Wednesday, June 19th.

Recess: The House recessed at 5:55 p.m. and reconvened at 6:32 p.m. **Page H5068**

Recess: The House recessed at 7:35 p.m. and reconvened at 11:51 p.m. **Page H5073**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that he had issued an Executive Order with respect to Iran that takes additional steps with respect to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12957 of March 15, 1995—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116-45). **Page H5047**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5045.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5069, H5069-70, H5070-71, and H5071. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 11:53 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2020; SECURING AMERICA'S FEDERAL ELECTIONS ACT; EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND SECURITY AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER ACT, 2019

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3351, the “Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2020”; H.R. 2722, the “Securing America’s Federal Elections Act”; and H.R. 3401, the “Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Humanitarian Assistance and Security at the Southern Border Act, 2019”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8-4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2722, the “Securing America’s Federal Elections Act”, and H.R. 3351, the “Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2020”. Section 1 of the rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2722, the “Securing America’s Federal Elections Act”, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116-20, modified by the amendment printed in Part A of the report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The

rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Section 2 of the rule waives the requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII for a two-thirds vote to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House with respect to any resolution reported through the legislative day of June 27, 2019, relating to a measure making appropriations. Section 3 of the rule provides for consideration of H.R. 3351, the “Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2020”, under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 or clause 5(a) of rule XXI. Section 4 of the rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part B of the report, amendments en bloc described in section 5, and pro forma amendments described in section 6. Each amendment printed in the report may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, may be withdrawn by the proponent at any time before action thereon, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by Section 6, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendments printed in Part B of the report or against amendments en bloc described in section 5 of the rule are waived. Section 5 of the rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or her designee may offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in Part B of the report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by section 6, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. Section 6 provides that during consideration of the bill for amendment, the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees each may offer up to five pro forma amendments each to the bill at any point for the purpose of debate. Section 7 of the rule provides that at the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. In the case of sundry